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we can find points and tangent planes ad libitum, by the following construction:—Take in the focal conic two diametrically opposite points; with one as centre, and twice the distance from it to the extremity of the perpendicular axis as radius, describe a sphere. Through the other point draw a plane, normal to the focal conic; it will cut the sphere in a certain circle. Connect any point in this circle with the two points on the focal conic, and at the middle point of the line connecting it with the second point draw to it a perpendicular plane. This is a tangent plane to the surface, and the point where it cuts the first connecting line is a point on the surface.

Another mode of generating the surface is easily derivable from (7).

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